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SUBJ: LOS: THIRD COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP ON POLLUTION - 31 MARCH

SUMMARY: THE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF VESSEL SOURCE POLLUTION CONTINUED AND CONCLUDED ON 31 MARCH. THE GENERAL TREND WAS STILL NEGATIVE TOWARD THE SNT AND OPENNESS TOWARD CONCILIATION.

1. CUBA BEGAN THE DAY WITH AN ARGUMENT THAT INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS MUST BE THE RULE EVEN FOR MANNING, EQUIPEMENT, DISCHARGE AND CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL SEA TO AVOID "ECONOMIC DISCRIMINATION."

2. OTHER MORNING SPEAKERS ATTACKED THE SNT AND POINTED TOWARD "INTERSESSIONAL WORK" OR NEED FOR COMPROMISE. THESE COUNTRIES WERE MALTA, YUGOSLAVIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, GHANA, PAPAU NEW GUINEA, KENYA, NIGERIA, FIJI, ICELAND, JAMAICA, AND EGYPT.

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3. THE SNT RECEIVED INCOITIVE STATE SUPPORT FROM FRG, GDR, BELGIUM, POLAND AND BULGARIA.

4. IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION PERU OPENED WITH A GENERAL ATTACK ON THE SNT BUT STRESSED THAT IT HAD CONFIDENCE THAT CHAIRMAN VALLARTA COULD FIND A WAY TO COMPROMISE. SOMALIA, ALGERIA, PAKISTAN, COLOMBIA, SENEGAL, ECUADOR, PHILIPPINES, TURKEY, TANZANIA, MADAGASCAR, PORTUGAL AND COSTA RICA ALL ATTACKED THE SNT AND STRESSED NEED FOR COMPROMISE. THEIR STATEMENTS WERE MORE STRONGLY COASTALLY-ORIENTED THAN SOME OF THE EARLIER COASTAL STATE AND DEVELOPING COUNTRY INTERVENTIONS BUT NOT ONE PRECLUDED THE POSSIBILITY OR NEED TO WORK TOWARD COMPROMISE.

5. THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARGUED THAT DIFFERENT STANDARDS MUST BE APPLIED TO SHIPS OF DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED STATES TO ALLOW DEVELOPING STATES TO AVOID ECONOMIC DISCRIMINATION. A VARIANT OF THIS THEME WAS PICKED UP IN SEVERAL OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRY INTERVENTIONS, PARTICULARLY IN REFERENCE TO MANNING, EQUIPMENT, DISCHARGE AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS.

6. SINGAPORE LAUNCHED A SURPRISING BROAD-BASED AND STRONG ATTACK ON EVEN CONSIDERING THE "INTERSESSIONAL WORK" (EVENSEN) AS USEFUL IN ANY WAY IN THE DISCUSSIONS. HE IMPLIED THAT THE INTERSESSIONAL WORK HAD BEEN SECRETIVE AND ELITIST. MEXICO RESPONDED IN A STRONG REBUTTAL AND NO OTHER DELEGATIONS ENTERED INTO THE DISCUSSION.

7. THE CHAIRMAN LEFT OPEN FOR "CONSULTATION" THE QUESTION OF HOW THE COMMITTEE WOULD PROCEED ON 2 APRIL, WHETHER TO MOVE ON WITH ARTICLE-BY-ARTICLE SNT DISCUSSIONS STARTING WITH ARTICLE 40 OR TAKE ANOTHER STEP IN THE VESSEL-SOURCE AREA.

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